



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/627,870	07/28/2000	David H. Sprogis	5014	2817

7590 05/08/2003

William E Hilton  
Samuels Gauthier & Stevens LLP  
225 Franklin Street  
Suite 3300  
Boston, MA 02110

EXAMINER

GRAVINI, STEPHEN MICHAEL

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

3622

DATE MAILED: 05/08/2003

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Interview Summary

Application No.  
**09/627,870**

Applicant(s)  
**David H. SPROGIS**

Examiner  
**Stephen M. Gravini**

Art Unit  
**3622**



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Stephen M. Gravini (PTO)

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) William E. Hilton (appl Rep)

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview 5-5-03

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1-26

Identification of prior art discussed:

of record

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Examiner notes and fully concurs with the most recent interview summary of record made with the examiner's supervisor but considers the latest Office action to be appropriate, but not final. Examiner also notes the affidavit, but does not consider it to overcome the objections raised in the latest Office action for the reasons stated in the most recent Office action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

**STEPHEN M. GRAVINI**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**  
**ART UNIT 3622**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Steve Gravini  
Examiner's signature, if required